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DT Journal  
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AB The growth of **intermetallics** at the **solder**/substrate interface and electrode leaching are the main factors affecting the reliability of the **solder** joints for electronic components. We investigated the growth of **intermetallics** during aging formed at **solder/Ag** and **Cu** substrate in Pb-free **solders**, **Sn-3.5Ag** and the effect of the **Ni**, **Zn** addn. to prevent the growth. After aging, **Ag<sub>3</sub>Sn** and **Cu<sub>3</sub>Sn** **intermetallics** thicknesses were very thin in the **Sn-3.5Ag** compared with **Sn-40Pb**. Both the case of **Ag** and **Cu** substrate, added **Zn** in the **solder** concd. at **Ag/Ag<sub>3</sub>Sn**, **Cu/Cu<sub>3</sub>Sn** interface during aging, resp. After 150.degree.C for 960 h, addn. of **Zn** to **Sn-3.5Ag** suppressed the growth of **Ag<sub>3</sub>Sn** and **Cu<sub>3</sub>Sn** **intermetallics**. On the other hand, added **Ni** in the **solder** concd. only in **Cu** substrate. **Ni** concd. layer was formed at the **Cu<sub>6</sub>Sn<sub>5</sub>/solder** interface without aging. The d. of metal additives such as **Ni** or **Zn** suppressed the growth of **intermetallics** at the **solder**/substrate interface regardless of position of concd. layer.

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